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## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In connection with the RCE filed concurrently herewith, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated May 12, 2008 (Paper No. 20080501). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.